

UTILITY CONSUMERS' BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

4/14/2025

Attendance:

UCB: Bill Steele, Terry Hart, Ron Lehr, Sondra Young, and Parks Barroso

Absent: Josh Bufmack

A quorum of UCB members was present.

UCA: Cindy Schonhaut, Hector Arreola, Kerry Kuykendoll, Josh Putterman, Scott England, and Ron Fernandez

AG: Tom Dixon and Greg Bunker, and Kate Crampton

MEETING START: 10:02 AM

I. WELCOME

- **Approve April Meeting Agenda and March Meeting Minutes**
 - UCB Chair Bill Steele requested for a motion to approve both the April meeting agenda, and the March meeting minutes.
 - Terry Hart motioned to approve the April meeting agenda. Parks Barroso seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - Terry Hart motioned to approve the March meeting minutes. Parks Barroso seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. GUEST SPEAKER

- **Dan Powers, Executive Director, CO-LABS**

Dan Powers is the Executive Director of CO-LABS, a non-profit consortium of more than 35 federally funded research laboratories & joint university institutes, and a

broad ecosystem of technology-oriented companies and economic development organizations in Colorado.

CO-LABS is a 501(c)3 non-profit supported by membership dues and sponsorships, with a robust network including the federal labs, Colorado's research universities and colleges, economic development organizations, key industry associations, private sector supporters and government partners.

CO-LABS core mission remains to accelerate and enhance the scientific and economic impact of advanced technologies in Colorado. We work towards that goal in three ways:

- Promote Colorado as a hub for world-class research and innovation.
- Educate the public and policymakers about the impact of federally driven science.
- Connect labs, universities, and businesses to drive innovation, technology, and jobs.

Dan Powers shared that CO-LABS connects entrepreneurs, scientists, economic development experts and technologists with over 30 federally funded research labs and institutes in Colorado. CO-LABS support over 17,000 jobs and contribute more than \$2.6 billion to the state economy.

Board discussion was focused on CO-LABS presence in Colorado, impacts of layoffs and freeze of federal funds with research entities, status of federal contracts, student internship opportunities, and partnership with Colorado state entities.

Dan Powers' presentation can be found in the shared UCB Google Drive folder: 04/14/2025 UCB meeting.

III. PENDING CASE STRATEGY

- **24A-0296E: PSCo - Wildfire Mitigation Plan - Cindy Schonhaut**
- **25A-0050SG: CNG - Stock Pledge Debt Refinance - Ron Fernandez & Kerry Kuykendoll**

The Pending Case Strategy summaries can be found in the shared UCB Google Drive folder: 04/14/2025 UCB meeting.

IV. OTHER ISSUES / MISC. UPDATES

- **Discuss Election for 2025 UCB Chair and Vice Chair**
 - Bill shared his current role as UCB chair and requested for other UCB members to volunteer to serve as UCB Chair and/or Vice Chair.
 - Cindy shared that no Board members have expressed any interest to serve as Chair or Vicechair.

- Bill informed the Board that he will not be available for the May meeting.
- Cindy suggested that UCB members look ahead to next year for availability to serve as the UCB Chair and Vicechair.
- If any UCB members are interested in serving, please notify him, Cindy, and Hector.

V. NEW BUISNESS / MISC. UPDATES

- Cindy shared that the 2025 Colorado legislative session will end prior to the May meeting and will have Joseph Pereira provide an update on any energy related legislation.

MEETING ADJOURNED

UCB Chair Bill Steele requested for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sondra Young seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Meeting ended at: 11:20 AM

The next UCB meeting is on May 12, 2025, at 10:00 AM

The meeting will be a remote meeting only. A Zoom link will be available to join virtually.

The Google UCB Shared Drive may be found at:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1szjAWFk1F-VztVxx_7YbSpxqFeIXjw_W?usp=sharing